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In re Application of:

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pending claims were rejected for alleged unpatentability.
Responsive thereto, applicants have submitted an Affidavit